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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:	:	Chapter 11
LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., et al.	:	Case No. 08-13555 (JMP)
Debtors.	:	
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SUMMARY STATEMENT FOR FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF WOLLMUTH MAHER & DEUTSCH LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 THROUGH MARCH 6, 2012

SUMMARY OF FINAL FEE APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch LLP

Authorized to Provide

Professional Services to: Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession

Role in the Case: Special Litigation Counsel

Date of Retention: Order Entered October 20, 2010 [Docket No. 12406]

Nunc Pro Tunc to September 9, 2010

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Case Compensation Period: September 9, 2010 through March 6, 2012¹

Total Compensation Sought: \$2,132,385.00

Total Expense

Reimbursement Sought²: \$105,040.99

This is a: ____ Monthly ____ Interim _X_ Final Application

This is Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch LLP's final fee application in this case.

¹ Pursuant to the Notice of Occurrence of Effective Date of the Debtors' Third Amended Reorganization Plans [Docket No. 26039], the Effective Date was declared as of March 6, 2012, at 12:01 a.m. Accordingly, the last interim fee application and this final fee application of Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch LLP ("Wollmuth" or "Applicant") reflect fees and expenses incurred through March 6, 2012, at 12:01 a.m.

² The amounts of total compensation and total expense reimbursement sought herein for the case compensation period are the respective total amounts of all fees and expenses sought under all interim fee applications filed by Wollmuth minus the respective reduction in fees and expenses agreed to and approved pursuant to the Stipulation Between Wollmuth and the Fee Committee Regarding Wollmuth's First Interim Fee Application [Docket No. 22501] (the "First Fee Stipulation") and the Order Signed on November 28, 2011 Granting Applications for the Allowance of Interim Compensation for the Seventh Interim Period [Docket No. 22775] (and together with the First Fee Stipulation, the "First Fee Order").

SUMMARY OF ALL FEES AND EXPENSES REQUESTED, APPROVED AND RECEIVED TO DATE

Interim Fee Application/Period Covered	Fees Requested	Fees Received Pursuant to Monthly	Fees Approved by Court Order	Expenses Requested	Expenses Received Pursuant to	Expenses Approved by Court Order
		Statements and/or Court Order			Monthly Statements and/or Court Order	
First [Doc. 17346] / 10/1/2010 - 1/31/2011	\$918,389.25	\$884,925.25	\$884,925.25	\$34,270.94	\$31,109.16	\$31,109.16
Second [Doc. 25770]/ 2/1/2011 - 5/31/201	\$346,056.50	\$295,845.10		\$18,251.67	\$18,251.67	
Third [Doc. 25775]/ 6/1/2011 - 9/30/2011	\$351,027.00	\$270,808.00		\$11,121.42	\$11,121.42	
Fourth [Doc. 27994]/ 10/1/2011 - 3/6/2012	\$550,376.25	\$243,281.20		\$44,558.74	\$28,646.10	
Total Fees Requested	\$2,165,849.00					
Total Expenses Requested				\$108,202.77		
Reduction of Fees Agreed Under the First Fee Order [Doc. 22501 & 22775]	(\$33,464.00)					
Reduction of Expenses Agreed Under the First Fee Order				(\$3,161.78)		
Total Fees Requested Less Reductions Agreed Under the First Fee Order	\$2,132,385.00					

Interim Fee	Fees	Fees	Fees	Expenses	Expenses	Expenses
Application/Period	Requested	Received	Approved	Requested	Received	Approved
Covered	-	Pursuant to	by Court	•	Pursuant	by Court
		Monthly	Order		to	Order
		Statements			Monthly	
		and/or Court			Statements	
		Order			and/or	
					Court	
					Order	
Total Expenses				\$105,040.99		
Requested Less						
Reductions						
Agreed Under the						
First Fee Order						
Total Fees			\$884,925.25			
Approved by						
Court Order						
Total Expenses						\$31,109.16
Approved by						
Court Order						
Total Fees		\$1,694,859.55				
Received to Date						
Total Expenses					\$89,128.35	
Received to Date						

TOTAL FEES HELD BACK TO DATE	\$437,525.45
[Fees Requested Less Agreed Reductions (\$2,132,385.00) Net of Fees Received	
(\$1,694,859.55)]	
TOTAL EXPENSES HELD BACK TO DATE	\$15,912.64
[Expenses Requested Less Agreed Reductions (\$105,040.99) Net of Expenses	
Received (\$89,128.35)]	
TOTAL HOLDBACK	\$453,438.09
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TIMEKEEPER SUMMARY

Time- keeper	Position	Yr. of Admission	Rate	Rate ³	Rate	Hrs.	Amount 10/1/2010 - 2/28/2011	Amount 3/1/2011 - 9/30/2011	Amount 10/1/2011 - 3/6/2012	Total
Paul R.	Senior	Area of	\$615			81.30	\$49,999.50			
DeFilippo	Partner	Expertise: Litigation, Bankruptcy. Member of the New York Bar (1999), New Jersey Bar (1978). Joined the firm in 2002.		\$650		2.60		\$1,690.00		\$51,689.50
William A.	Senior	Area of	\$595			129.50	\$77,052.50			
Maher	Partner	Expertise:	4070			,	4,			
		Litigation. Member of the New York Bar (1986), New Jersey Bar (1998). Joined the firm in 1998.		\$650		127.80		\$83,070.00		\$160,122.50
Sandip	Partner	Area of	\$550			111.40	\$61,270.00			
Bhattacharji		Expertise: Litigation. Member of the New York Bar (1991). Joined the firm in 2006.		\$595		55.30		\$32,903.50		\$94,173.50
Randall	Partner	Area of	\$550			177.50	\$97,625.00			
Rainer		Expertise: Litigation. Member of the New York Bar (1995). Joined the firm in 2000.		\$595		101.10		\$60,154.50		\$157,779.50

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The Applicant implemented reasonable market-based rate adjustments to its professionals' billing rates (the "Rate Increase"), which Rate Increase became effective as to Applicant's clients on January 1, 2011. Pursuant to Applicant's letter dated April 11, 2011 to counsel to the current fee committee appointed in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "Cases"), Applicant began implementing the Rate Increase to its monthly fee statements and interim fee applications in these Cases as of March 1, 2011. However, not all increases to the billing rates of professionals reflected above were attributable to the Rate Increase. For example, all increases in the billing rates of the Applicant's associate attorneys reflected in the foregoing summary chart were made in the ordinary course of the Applicant's business due to such associates' increase in seniority and experience level and such "step increases" were within the Applicant's initial range of billing rates effective at the time of the Applicant's retention in the Cases and were not attributable to the Rate Increase. Moreover, since its retention in the Cases, the Applicant has not implemented any increases to the range of its professionals' billing rates other than the Rate Increase.

Time- keeper	Position	Yr. of Admission	Rate	Rate ³	Rate	Hrs.	Amount 10/1/2010 -	Amount 3/1/2011 -	Amount 10/1/2011	Total
James N.	Partner	Area of	\$550			239.40	2/28/2011 \$131,670.00	9/30/2011	- 3/6/2012	
Lawlor	Partner	Expertise:	\$330			239.40	\$131,670.00			
		Litigation,		\$595		65.30		\$38,853.50		\$170,523.50
		Bankruptcy.								
		Member of the New								
		York Bar								
		(1993), New								
		Jersey Bar								
		(1992). Joined the								
		firm in 2002.								
Vince Chang	Partner	Area of	\$550			48.10	\$26,455.00			
		Expertise: Litigation.		\$595		92.00		\$54,740.00		\$81,195.00
		Member of						, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
		the New								
		York Bar								
		(1988). Joined the								
		firm in 2002.								
William F.	Partner	Area of	\$550			76.30	\$41,965.00			
Dahill		Expertise:	400				φ.1,5 σσ.σσ			
		Litigation.		\$595		164.50		\$97,877.50		\$139,842.50
		Member of the New								
		York Bar								
		(1992).								
		Joined the firm in 1998.								
Michael C.	Counsel	Area of	\$495			276.15	\$136,694.25			
Ledley		Expertise:	·				,			
		Litigation. Member of		\$525		139.80		\$73,395.00		\$210,089.25
		the New								
		York Bar								
		(2001).								
		Joined the firm in 2010.								
Adam M.	Counsel	Area of	\$395			464.70	\$183,556.50			
Bialek		Expertise:		#470		472.00		#212 7c0		
		Litigation. Member of		\$450		472.80		\$212,760		
		the New			\$525	110.7			\$58,117.50	\$454,434.00
		York Bar								
		(2002), New Jersey Bar								
		(2002).								
		Joined the								
		firm in 2005.								

Time- keeper	Position	Yr. of Admission	Rate	Rate ³	Rate	Hrs.	Amount 10/1/2010 -	Amount 3/1/2011 -	Amount 10/1/2011	Total
Serena Parker	Associate	Area of Expertise: Litigation. Member of the New York Bar (2002). Joined the firm in 2004.	\$425			232.60	2/28/2011 \$98,855.00	9/30/2011	- 3/6/2012	\$98,855.00
Kenneth J. Miles	Associate	Area of Expertise: Corporate. Member of the Connecticut Bar (2002), New York Bar (2003). Joined the firm in 2005.	\$425			40.50	\$17,212.50			\$17,212.50
Christopher G. Passavia	Associate	Area of Expertise:	\$250			93.50	\$23,375.00			
i ussavia		Litigation. Member of		\$275		3.90		\$1,072.50		
		the New York Bar (2010). Joined the firm in 2010.			\$295	3.20			\$944.00	\$25,391.50
John D.	Associate	Area of	\$350			141.90	\$49,665.00			
Giampolo		Expertise: Litigation,		\$395		102.80		\$40,606.00		
		Bankruptcy. Member of the New York Bar (2005), New Jersey Bar (2005). Joined the firm in 2010.			\$425	55.30			\$23,502.50	\$113,773.50
Alexis Castillo	Associate	Area of Expertise:	\$250			290.00	\$72,500.00			
		Litigation.		\$275		596.20	<u> </u>	\$163,955		
		Member of the New York Bar (2010). Joined the firm in 2009.			\$295	102.20			\$30,149.00	\$266,604.00

Time- keeper	Position	Yr. of Admission	Rate	Rate ³	Rate	Hrs.	Amount 10/1/2010 - 2/28/2011	Amount 3/1/2011 - 9/30/2011	Amount 10/1/2011 - 3/6/2012	Total
Paul R. Weber	Associate	Area of Expertise: Corporate.	275	\$325		0.30 2.30	\$82.50	\$747.50		\$830.00
		Member of the New Jersey Bar (2007), New York Bar (2008) Joined the firm in 2008								
Fletcher W.	Associate	Area of		\$275		66.00		\$18,150.00		
Strong		Expertise: Litigation, Bankruptcy. Member of the New York Bar (2010). Joined the firm in 2011.			\$295	28.00			\$8,260.00	\$26,410.00
Melissa A. Finkelstein	Associate	Area of Expertise: Litigation. Membership to New York Bar currently pending. Joined the firm in 2011.			\$250	162.40			\$40,600.00	\$40,600.00
Rahil Kamran-	Associate	Area of	\$225			1.00		\$225.00		
Rad		Expertise: Litigation. Member of the New York Bar (2010), Massachusett s Bar (2009). Joined the firm in 2011.		\$250		6.15			\$1,537.50	\$1,762.50
Steven S. Fitzgerald	Associate	Area of Expertise: Litigation. Member of the New York Bar (2004). Joined the firm in 2011.	\$425			4.20		\$1,785.00		\$1,785.00

Time- keeper	Position	Yr. of Admission	Rate	Rate ³	Rate	Hrs.	Amount 10/1/2010 - 2/28/2011	Amount 3/1/2011 - 9/30/2011	Amount 10/1/2011 - 3/6/2012	Total
Autumn J. Anderson	Paralegal		\$110			11.80	\$1,298.00			
7 MdC13011			\$115		2.70		\$310.50		\$1,608.50	
Matthew E.	Paralegal		\$110			75.80	\$8,338.00			
Bost				\$115		1.40		\$161.00		\$8,499.00
Kyle J. Dumas	Paralegal		\$110			14.90	\$1,639.00			
				\$115		6.70		\$770.50		\$2,409.50
Martina S.	Paralegal		\$110			10.10	\$1,111.00			
Frederick				\$115		64.40		\$7,406.00		\$8,517.00
Agatha D. Rysinski	Paralegal		\$110			0.60	\$66.00			
Kysiiiski				\$115		95.20		\$10,948.00		\$11,014.00
Katia Sperduto	Paralegal		\$120			61.50	\$7,380.00			
Sperduto	cruuto				\$125	0.20			\$25.00	\$7,405.00
Melissa E. Rifai	Paralegal		\$110							
				\$115		1.30		\$149.50		\$149.50
Lisa Rodriguez	Paralegal		\$110							
C				\$115		0.50		\$57.50		\$57.50
Ester Johansson- Lebron	Paralegal			\$115		3.10		\$356.50		\$356.50
Tyler Boston	Paralegal			\$115		4.00		\$460.00		\$460.00
Corbin Brown	Paralegal			\$115		8.20			\$943.00	\$943.00
Hetty Kim	Paralegal			\$115		32.70		\$3,760.50		\$3,760.50
Robert Franciscovich	Paralegal			\$115		70.90		\$8,153.50		\$8,153.50
Christopher M. Psihoules	Paralegal			\$115		10.30		\$1,184.50		\$1,184.50
Nicholas F. Green	Paralegal		\$110			1.20	\$132.00			\$132.00
Evelina Grezak	Paralegal		\$110			3.20	\$352.00			\$352.00
Rebecca Regan	Paralegal		\$110			0.50	\$55.00			\$55.00
Melissa Metzger	Paralegal		\$110			6.30	\$693.00			\$693.00
TOTAL						5,356.20				\$2,168,823.25

^{*}Before Travel Time Reductions and Before Reductions Under the First Fee Order.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

SERVICE	HOURS	VALUE
Avoidance Action Litigation	4,595.70	\$1,821,726.25
Case Administration	141.50	\$65,695.50
Claims Administration and Objections	313.10	\$151,875.00
Fee/Employment Applications	207.00	\$83,385.50
Litigation – Other than Avoidance Action Litigation	88.50	\$40,232.00
Travel	10.30	\$5,869.50
Less ½ Travel Time	(5.15)	(\$2,934.75)
TOTAL SERVICES:	5,350.95	\$2,165,849.00

^{*}Before Reductions Under the First Fee Order.

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS

DISBURSEMENTS	VALUE
1. Duplicating (@ \$0.10 per page)	\$2,468.60
2. Postage Expense	\$918.67
3. Facsimile (@ \$1.00 per page)	\$107.00
4. Legal Research (Lexis Nexis/Pacer)	\$17,364.63
5. Travel/Transportation - Car Service/Charge & Ride	\$11,895.79
6. Working Dinners	\$2,140.34
7. Telephone Service/Copper Conferencing	\$412.31
8. Federal Express/Delivery Services/Messengers	\$14,430.74
9. ALM Media	\$212.40
10. Lawyer Service - Demovsky	\$35,243.64
11. Court Fees/Filing Fees	\$9,249.02
12. Witness Fees	\$5,064.00
13. Other Service Fees (Subpoena Fees)	\$1,577.00
14. Other Professionals - Translation Services/Legal Language Services/Litigation Support Vendors	\$4,146.63
15. Other Professionals – Service of Process on Foreign Entities	\$2,665.00
16. Process Server Fees	\$150.00
17. Investigative Service - Clark	\$140.00
18. Binding	\$1.00
19. Other	\$16.00
Total Disbursements:	\$108,202.77
Less Reductions Under the First Fee Order	(\$3,161.78)
TOTAL EXPENSES REQUESTED	\$105,040.99

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Debtors.	: x	

FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF WOLLMUTH MAHER & DEUTSCH LLP AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 THROUGH MARCH 6, 2012

TO: THE HONORABLE JAMES M. PECK, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch LLP ("Wollmuth" or the "Firm"), special litigation counsel for Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. ("LBHI") and its affiliated debtors (each a "Debtor" and collectively, the "Debtors") in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "Cases"), files its Final Fee Application (this "Application") seeking (i) final allowance of compensation for professional legal services rendered in the aggregate amount of \$2,132,385.00, (ii) final allowance of reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the aggregate amount of

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\$105,040.99, and (iii) payment of the Holdback¹ currently withheld from such compensation and expenses incurred as special litigation counsel to the Debtors for the case compensation period commencing from the time of the Firm's retention *nunc pro tunc* to September 9, 2010 through and including March 6, 2012² (the "Case Compensation Period"), pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), Rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Local Rules"), the Fourth Amended Order Pursuant to Sections 105(a) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(a) Establishing Procedures for Interim Monthly Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals dated April 14, 2011 [Docket No. 15997] (as amended from time to time, the "Compensation Order"), the order entered by the Court on April 14, 2011 approving a revised fee protocol [Docket No. 15998], the Confirmation Order (defined below), and the latest instructions from the fee committee (the "Fee Committee") currently appointed in the Cases. In support of this Application, Wollmuth represents as follows:

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As set forth in the Summary Statement Cover Sheet accompanying this Application, the aggregate amount of fees requested under all of the Interim Fee Applications (as defined in the Compensation Order) filed by the Firm for the Case Compensation Period less all reductions agreed under prior stipulation and Order entered by the Court [Docket Nos. 22501, 22775] (collectively, the "First Fee Order") is \$2,132,385.00 and the aggregate amount of expenses requested under all of the Interim Fee Applications filed by the Firm for the Case Compensation Period less all reductions agreed under the First Fee Order is \$105,040.99. To date, the Firm has received an aggregate of \$1,694,859.55 on account of such requested fees and an aggregate of \$89,128.35 on account of such expenses. Thus, the total amount held back (the "Heldback Fees") to date from the Firm's fees for the Case Compensation Period is \$437,525.45 and the total amount held back (the "Heldback Expenses", and together with the Heldback Fees, the "Holdback") to date from the Firm's expenses for the Case Compensation Period is \$15,912.64.

² Pursuant to the Notice of Occurrence of Effective Date of the Debtors' Third Amended Reorganization Plans [Docket No. 26039], the Effective Date was declared as of March 6, 2012, at 12:01 a.m. Accordingly, the Firm's last Interim Fee Application and this Application reflect fees and expenses incurred through March 6, 2012, at 12:01 a.m.

GENERAL BACKGROUND

- 1. Commencing on September 15, 2008 and periodically thereafter (as applicable, the "Commencement Date"), LBHI and certain of its subsidiaries commenced with this Court voluntary cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases have been consolidated for procedural purposes only and are being jointly administered pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Bankruptcy Rules. Accordingly, the Debtors were authorized to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. On September 17, 2008, the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>") appointed the statutory committee of unsecured creditors pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Creditors' Committee").
- 3. On September 19, 2008, a proceeding was commenced under the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 ("SIPA") with respect to Lehman Brothers Inc. ("LBI"). A trustee appointed under SIPA is administering LBI's estate.
- 4. On January 19, 2009, the U.S. Trustee appointed Anton R. Valukas as examiner in the Cases (the "Examiner") and by order, dated January 20, 2009 [Docket No. 2583] the Court approved the U.S. Trustee's appointment of the Examiner. The Examiner issued a report of his investigation pursuant to section 1106 of the Bankruptcy Code on March 11, 2010 [Docket No. 7531].
- 5. On April 14, 2010, the Debtors filed a revised joint chapter 11 plan and disclosure statement [Docket Nos. 8330 and 8332].
- 6. On October 1, 2010, the Debtors filed an application [Docket No. 11761] to retain Wollmuth to serve as conflicts and special litigation counsel, in connection with the prosecution

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of certain avoidance actions brought pursuant to sections 547 and 548 of the Bankruptcy Code and other related claims, and such other litigation related matters as may be assigned by the Debtors (together, the "Representative Matters").

- 7. On October 28, 2010, this Court entered an Order that approved Wollmuth's retention as special litigation counsel to the Debtors [Docket No. 12406] (the "Retention Order") nunc pro tunc to September 9, 2010. A true and correct copy of the Retention Order is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Thereafter, Wollmuth filed the Supplemental Affidavit of Paul R. DeFilippo in Support of the Debtors' Application Pursuant to Sections 327(a) and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 2014(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for Authorization to Employ and Retain Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch LLP as Special Counsel to the Debtors Nunc Pro Tunc to September 9, 2010 [Docket No. 17056] regarding additional disclosures.
- 8. On January 24, 2011, the Court entered an Order modifying the composition of the Fee Committee that had previously been appointed in the Cases [Docket No. 14117].
- 9. In or about April of 2011, the Firm consulted counsel for the Fee Committee regarding the fact that the Firm implemented a reasonable market-based adjustment to the range of its professionals' billing rates (the "Rate Increase"), which Rate Increase became effective as to the Firm's clients on January 1, 2011. At the direction of counsel for the Fee Committee, the Firm gave the Fee Committee written notice via letter dated April 11, 2011 that the Firm would begin implementing the Rate Increase to its Monthly Statements (as defined in the Compensation Order) and its Interim Fee Applications in these Cases as of March 1, 2011. The Firm submits that the Rate Increase reflects reasonable market-based rate adjustments. Prior to the Rate Increase, the Firm had not increased its rates since January 1, 2008 and throughout the Case

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Compensation Period the Firm has not implemented any other increases to the range of its professionals' billing rates.

- 10. Moreover, not all increases to the billing rates of the Firm's professionals throughout the Case Compensation Period were attributable to the Rate Increase. For example, all increases in the billing rates of the Firm's associate attorneys reflected in the accompanying Summary Statement Cover Sheet were made in the ordinary course of the Firm's business due to such associates' increase in seniority and experience level and such "step increases" were within the Firm's initial range of billing rates effective at the time of the Firm's retention in the Cases and were not attributable to the Rate Increase. Additionally, the Firm submits that at this time it has provided the Fee Committee with more than sufficient information to justify the market-based reasonableness of the Rate Increase.
- 11. On April 14, 2011, the Court entered an Order approving a revised fee protocol setting forth certain procedures and guidelines with respect to the Fee Committee and its review of fees and expenses requested by retained professionals in these Cases [Docket No. 15998]. On the same date, the Court also entered the Compensation Order setting forth certain procedures and guidelines for Monthly Statements and Interim Fee Applications for fees and expenses by retained professionals in these Cases.
- 12. On June 2, 2011, the Firm filed its First Application for Interim Professional Compensation as Special Counsel to the Debtors for the Period October 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011 [Docket No. 17346] (the "First Interim Fee Application").
- 13. On August 3, 2011, the Firm received a letter (the "<u>Fee Committee Letter</u>") from the Fee Committee seeking additional information regarding certain time entries and requesting that time entries be subjected to additional coding in accordance with all rules and instructions

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set forth in the Fee Committee Letter (collectively, the "Fee Committee Rules"). Thereafter, the Firm's professionals worked diligently to revise all of the Firm's foregoing time entries to comply with the Fee Committee's requests.

- 14. The Firm's substantial good-faith efforts in this regard resulted in the Firm reaching a resolution with the Fee Committee as to the First Interim Fee Application pursuant to the First Fee Order.
- 15. Since the Fee Committee Letter, the Firm has remained in periodic communication with Fee Committee counsel and worked diligently to revise the time entries submitted under the Firm's Monthly Statements for February 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011 (the "Second Interim Fee Period") and for June 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011 (the "Third Interim Fee Period") to insure compliance with all the Fee Committee's requests. Moreover, the Firm's professionals did not bill any of the time spent revising time entries to comply with the Fee Committee Rules. Accordingly, once all foregoing revisions were completed, the Firm filed its Interim Fee Applications for the Second Interim Fee Period [Docket No. 25770] (the "Second Interim Fee Application") and the Third Interim Fee Period [Docket No. 25775] (the "Third Interim Fee Application").
- 16. On December 6, 2011, the Court entered an Order (the "Confirmation Order") confirming the Debtors' Modified Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan (the "Plan") [Docket No. 23023], which Confirmation Order attached a copy of the confirmed Plan as Exhibit A thereto.
- 17. Pursuant to the Notice of Occurrence of Effective Date of the Debtors' Third Amended Reorganization Plans [Docket No. 26039] (the "Notice of Occurrence of Effective

<u>Date</u>"), the effective date of the Plan was declared as of March 6, 2012, at 12:01 a.m. (the "Effective Date").

- 18. Pursuant to the Plan, the Confirmation Order, the Notice of Occurrence of Effective Date and the latest written instructions from the Fee Committee, the Firm filed its Interim Fee Application [Docket No. 27994] (the "Fourth Interim Fee Application", together with the First Interim Fee Application, the Second Interim Fee Application and the Third Interim Fee Application, collectively, the "Fee Applications") for the interim compensation period from October 1, 2011 through the Effective Date (the "Fourth Interim Fee Period") attaching each of the Monthly Statements the Firm previously submitted for the Fourth Interim Fee Period along with an invoice (the "Stub Invoice") for the stub period of March 1, 2012 through the Effective Date.
- 19. Pursuant to the Plan, the Confirmation Order, the Notice of Occurrence of Effective Date and the latest written instructions from the Fee Committee, the Firm now files its final fee application for the Case Compensation Period with summaries and schedules set forth in the accompanying Summary Statement Cover Sheet reflecting all fees and expenses sought, compromised, approved and/or received to date for the Case Compensation Period, as well as summaries and schedules of all hours billed and categories of services and disbursements throughout the Case Compensation Period.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

20. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code.

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RELIEF REQUESTED AND BASIS

- 21. By this Application, Wollmuth respectfully seeks Court approval for (i) final allowance of compensation for professional legal services rendered in the aggregate amount of \$2,132,385.00, (ii) final allowance of reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the aggregate amount of \$105,040.99, and (iii) payment of the Holdback, as special litigation counsel for the Debtors during the Case Compensation Period.
- 22. Pursuant to the Compensation Order, throughout the Case Compensation Period the Firm submitted Monthly Statements as well as the Revised Monthly Invoices as defined in and attached as exhibits to the Second Interim Fee Application. Each of the Revised Monthly Invoices together with the Stub Invoice and each of the Monthly Statements submitted and attached as exhibits to the First Interim Fee Application, the Third Interim Fee Application and the Fourth Interim Fee Application (collectively, the "Firm's Monthly Statements") reflect an aggregate amount of \$2,165,849.00 in fees and an aggregate amount of \$108,202.77 in expenses. Pursuant to the reductions agreed under the First Fee Order, the foregoing have been reduced to an aggregate of \$2,132,385.00 in fees and an aggregate of \$105,040.99 in expenses and, to date, the Firm has received (a) an aggregate amount of \$1,694,859.55 on account of such fees, and (b) an aggregate amount of \$89,128.35 on account of such expenses. True and correct copies of each the Firm's Monthly Statements are attached as exhibits to each of the respective Fee Applications.
- 23. In accordance with the Court's Amended Order Establishing Procedures For Monthly Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals amending General Order M-388, effective December 21, 2010, the Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in the Southern District of New York, dated November 25,

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2009, and the United States Trustee Fee Guidelines, included in each of the Firm's Monthly Statements are detailed time records of the Firm's services rendered during the Case Compensation Period, describing the nature of the services rendered to the Debtors each day, the time devoted to such services in increments of one-tenth of an hour, and the identity of all professionals and paraprofessionals performing the services. Also included in each of the Firm's Monthly Statements are detailed descriptions of the Firm's actual expenses incurred during the Case Compensation Period.

- 24. All of the fees and expenses reflected in the Firm's Monthly Statements, which were incurred by the Firm as special litigation counsel to the Debtors during the Case Compensation Period, are summarized by category in the accompanying Summary Statement Cover Sheet for this Application.
- 25. The Firm has expended a total of 5,350.95 hours rendering services as special litigation counsel to the Debtors counsel during the Case Compensation Period, having a value of \$2,165,849.00. The rates, including the Rate Increase, charged by the Firm are reasonable and reflect the Firm's conscientious efforts to have personnel with appropriate experience, and where possible with lower hourly rates, perform services whenever the complexities and exigencies of the matter permitted.
- 26. Given the nature and value of the services that Wollmuth provided to the Debtors, as described herein, the amounts sought for approval under this Application are fair and reasonable under section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code given the complexity of these Cases; the time expended by attorneys and professionals; the nature and extent of the services rendered; the value of such services; and the costs of comparable services other than in a case under the Bankruptcy Code.

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27. The Firm has received no payment and no promises for payment from any source for services rendered in connection with these Cases other than those in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules. There is no agreement or understanding between Wollmuth and any other person (other than members of Wollmuth) for the sharing of compensation to be received for the services rendered in these Cases.

28. During the Case Compensation Period, the Firm was required to furnish substantial services to the Debtors, which occupied various professionals within the Firm. To assist the Court in evaluating the nature, extent and reasonableness of the compensation requested, the following is a narrative summary of some of the more significant services rendered:

SUMMARY OF SERVICES RENDERED DURING CASE COMPENSATION PERIOD

- 29. In rendering services to the Debtors during these Cases, the Firm's legal team has been composed primarily of professionals with extensive experience in bankruptcy and in the applicable legal practice areas for the matters for which the Firm was retained. These professionals have coordinated assignments, both internally and with the Debtors' general counsel, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP, and with Debtors' conflicts counsel regarding some assignments to maximize efficiency and avoid any duplication of effort.
- 30. All services were rendered by Wollmuth at the request of the Debtors and were necessary, reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances and beneficial to the estates at the time the services were rendered. The compensation sought by Wollmuth in this Application is comparable to or less than customary compensation sought by comparably skilled professionals in cases under the Bankruptcy Code. In addition, the compensation sought is based on

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Wollmuth's standard and usual rates for similar services in representations other than under the Bankruptcy Code.

31. The services provided by Wollmuth during the Case Compensation Period were rendered to ensure no unnecessary duplication and are grouped into the billing categories set forth in the accompanying Summary Statement Cover Sheet and in each of the Firm's Monthly Statements. The total compensation by billing category as well as the attorneys and professionals who rendered services relating to each category are identified in the accompanying Summary Statement Cover Sheet and in each of the Firm's Monthly Statements. Because detailed descriptions of the services rendered and expenses incurred by Wollmuth are included in each of the Fee Applications and in each of the Firm's Monthly Statements, the following descriptions will describe only in summary form the services performed by Wollmuth during the Case Compensation Period.

A. SPV Payment Priority Litigation - 001

32. The largest portion of the Firm's services during the Case Compensation Period were provided in connection with the continued prosecution of an adversary proceeding (i) to prevent certain unenforceable *ipso facto* clauses from improperly modifying the right of Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. ("LBSF") to priority of payment of more than \$3 billion dollars under certain transaction documents related to credit default swap agreements based solely upon the filing of LBSF and its ultimate parent, LBHI, for bankruptcy; and (ii) to recover funds that were improperly paid to noteholders.³ On September 9, 2010, the Firm was formally asked to serve as counsel as a result of conflicts of interest identified by Weil, Gotshal and Curis Mallet-Prevost firms.

³ The Firm filed an adversary encaptioned <u>Lehman Bros. Spec. Fin., Inc. v. Bank of America, N.A.</u>, Adv. Proc. No. 10-03547 (JMP).

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- 33. The Firm prepared discovery requests, including, without limitation, deposition notices, to named defendants and relevant third parties in an effort to quickly identify parties that may need to be added as additional defendants in the litigation, as well as to obtain other critical information. The Firm also focused significant time and effort in serving process and discovery requests on the multiple named defendants and relevant third parties, both within and outside the United States. These services included coordinating with multiple process services in multiple jurisdictions, reviewing and analyzing various documents to confirm that proper service was effected, and engaging in numerous communications with various defendants, third parties, and counsel for defendants and third parties to address various issues raised by defendants and third parties with respect to discovery requests.
- 34. The Firm also reviewed and analyzed extensive document production and other information received in response to discovery requests that had been served on defendants and relevant third parties, as well as prepared responses to discovery requests from named defendants and relevant third parties and reviewed and prepared responses to objections to discovery requests from named defendants and relevant third parties. Additionally, in order to aid in prosecution of the litigation, the Firm prepared and revised memoranda outlining all the numerous relevant underlying transactions and disbursements to the various defendants, categorized based on the relevant class and tranche of the distributee, as detailed in the discovery responses received from the defendants. Based upon the document production received, the Firm entered into potential settlement negotiations with certain parties.
- 35. Additionally, the Firm continued to monitor important developments in the Cases that had implications for this litigation.

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- 36. Moreover, the Firm spent considerable efforts researching, drafting, revising, finalizing and prosecuting a motion to extend time to serve process and conduct further expedited discovery. The Firm also spent considerable efforts researching, drafting and revising a complex motion to amend the complaint to include numerous additional defendants in this adversary proceeding. The Firm also researched and drafted an amended version of the complaint. Further, the Firm conducted legal research on various procedural and substantive issues related to amending the complaint at this stage in the litigation.
- 37. Members of the Firm also researched and addressed other critical legal and factual issues that arose in the litigation during the Case Compensation Period, including, without limitation, jurisdictional issues concerning foreign defendants and certain potential or future defendants.
- 38. The Firm also provided considerable services preparing, revising and commenting on proposed settlement agreements and stipulations for dismissal as to certain parties.
- 39. Throughout the Case Compensation Period, the Firm also kept in constant contact with the Debtors' management team and other counsel to coordinate efforts and to maintain a common legal position with various related litigation.

B. Derivative Close Out Claims - 002

40. The Firm was asked to render services related to disputed unsecured claims of approximately \$2.5 billion filed by three (3) Goldman Sachs entities. The unsecured claims arose from the termination and close out of approximately 57,000 derivative transactions under certain ISDA Master Agreements. The Firm rendered services to support the Debtors' efforts to resolve the claims in a structured, but informal process.

C. Koch Avoidance Litigation - 003

- 41. The Firm was asked to assist in the potential filing of an avoidance action involving certain Koch entities. While the Debtors had previously reached an agreement with the Koch entities to toll the statute of limitations, the Firm was advised that the agreement may be terminated shortly by the Koch entities. Accordingly, the Firm began on an expedited basis to prepare should litigation have to be filed to preserve the estates' rights.
- 42. In addition, the Firm assisted the Debtors in preparing for the potential that the Koch matters be addressed in the Debtors' existing alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") procedures or by a modified form of same. Accordingly, members of the Firm worked closely with the Debtors' management and other counsel to coordinate both a potential amendment of the tolling agreement with the Koch entities and the potential noticing and prosecution of an ADR proceeding. The Firm also reviewed and analyzed the Koch entities' responses to ADR notices and prepared, revised and finalized replies to the Koch entities' responses, as well as other ADR submissions.
- 43. The Firm engaged in various communications with the Debtors' management regarding strategizing with respect to potential settlement discussions with certain parties. The Firm also worked to address potential discovery and damages issues raised by the Koch entities and engaged in settlement negotiations.

D. <u>CEAGO Avoidance Litigation - 004</u>

44. The Firm also provided services in connection the filing and service of an adversary proceeding to prevent certain unenforceable *ipso facto* clauses from improperly modifying the right of LBSF to priority of payment of more than approximately \$150 million in collateral in connection with a collateralized debt obligation transaction called Ceago ABS CDO

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2007-1 ("Ceago Transaction" or the "Ceago Note").⁴ The Debtors previously had entered into a tolling agreement with the potential defendants as to the Ceago Transaction. However, the tolling agreement had been terminated by the non-Debtor parties and was to expire on or about November 30, 2010. The Firm was formally asked to serve as counsel as a result of conflicts of interest identified by Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP and Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP firms.

- 45. The Debtors advised the Firm that it was critical that the complaint in the above matter be filed no later than November 29, 2010, after which the two-year statute of limitations under 11 U.S.C. § 546 may expire for any Chapter 5 avoidance actions needing to be brought in the Chapter 11 proceedings (which limitations period had been extended by the tolling agreement referenced above). Accordingly, the Firm filed a timely complaint.
- 46. In addition to the filing of the Ceago Transaction complaint, the Firm was also asked to simultaneously prepare and file a motion to extend the current stay of discovery that already applied to similar litigations to the Ceago litigation. In order to accomplish the obtaining of a stay, the Firm spent time communicating with counsel for Ceago and the Ad Hoc Creditor Group on the ADR procedures. Also, the Firm spent time researching critical issues concerning the Ceago Transaction complaint. Moreover, the Firm has engaged in various communications with counsel for Ceago and the Ad Hoc Creditor Group and with the Debtors' management and other counsel regarding settlement and prepared, revised and commented on settlement agreements and stipulations of dismissal.

⁴ The Firm filed an adversary encaptioned <u>Lehman Bros. Spec. Fin., Inc. v. Bank of America, N.A.</u>, Adv. Proc. No. 10-04331 (JMP).

E. Bank of China Subpoenas - 005

- 47. During the Case Compensation Period, the Firm was asked to investigate the valuation of certain derivatives contracts that certain of the Debtors held in conjunction with Bank of China. Specifically, the Firm was asked to investigate the process in which Bank of China received its price quotes from various banks in the termination of such contracts. Accordingly, the Firm began on an expedited basis to conduct discovery on the banks to determine whether the valuation process was properly conducted.
- 48. To this end, the Firm researched issues related to issuing Bankruptcy Rule 2004 subpoenas on the parties, and drafted and revised such subpoenas to be served to various parties. After issuance of such subpoenas, the Firm investigated proofs of claim filed by the aforesaid banks in the Debtors' bankruptcy.
- 49. The Firm researched the proper procedure for issuing and noticing subpoenas based on all circumstances and any procedural orders in the Cases and drafted numerous notices of subpoenas issued.
- 50. The Firm also reviewed numerous responses to the subpoenas issued and met and conferred with counsel for certain responding parties. The Firm also negotiated with bank respondents on the proper scope of the respondents' document production pursuant to the subpoenas.

F. **GSAM - 006**

51. Similar to the foregoing Bank of China Subpoenas – 005 matter, during the Case Compensation Period the Firm was also asked to investigate the valuation of numerous derivatives contracts that were liquidated in 2008. The counter-parties to the derivatives

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contracts were various Goldman Sachs entities, and each of the contracts was being managed by Goldman Sachs Asset Management.

- 52. Thus, the Firm was asked to investigate whether the procedure for determining the termination fee assigned to each of the derivatives contracts was properly conducted.
- 53. The Firm drafted and issued Bankruptcy Rule 2004 subpoenas on the relevant parties. The Firm also analyzed, reviewed and responded to various objections to the subpoenas and documents produced by the subpoenaed parties and met and conferred with the various parties. Additionally, the Firm engaged in communications and meetings with the Debtors' management team in order coordinate and narrow the scope of information sought under the subpoenas and further strategize the investigation.

G. Katten Muchin Dispute - 007

- 54. The Firm was asked to investigate possible malpractice claims against a law firm related to the Debtors' liens on real property. The Firm was also asked to investigate issues concerning negligent expiration and/or subordination of the Debtors' liens on real property in connection with the law firm retained to handle such issues on behalf of the Debtors during the relevant times. The Firm investigated and analyzed the Debtors' potential claims against prior counsel.
- 55. The Firm began initial discovery into the Debtors' foregoing potential claims, including, without limitation, retrieval of case records and legal research concerning the potential claims, especially related to New York Lien Law. The Firm also reviewed procedural issues related to the viability of the potential claims, including, without limitation, statute of limitations and tolling issues.

56. The Firm also drafted, filed and served a summons and complaint on behalf of the Debtors for this matter and conducted initial investigations into this matter, including identifying and locating potential witnesses and communicated with counsel for certain defendants. Additionally, the Firm reviewed the production of certain documents and objections to document requests served on the Firm in the litigation and engaged in discovery with numerous parties.

H. Deutsche Trust Avoidance Action – 008

57. Prior to the conclusion of the Case Compensation Period, the Firm was asked to continue the prosecution and/or negotiate a favorable resolution of an adversary proceeding, Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. v. Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, Adv. Pro. No. 10-03609 (JMP), brought on behalf of the Debtors seeking to recover avoidance actions pursuant to section 547 of the Bankruptcy Code. During the Case Compensation Period, the Firm provided services in connection with analyzing the complaint filed in this matter and communicating with the Debtors' in-house counsel and the defendant's counsel regarding same.

ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE CASE COMPENSATION PERIOD

- 58. As set forth above and as described more fully in each of the Fee Applications and each of the Firm's Monthly Statements, Wollmuth also respectfully seeks Court approval and allowance for reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the rendition of services as special litigation counsel to the Debtors during the Case Compensation Period in the aggregate amount of \$105,040.99.
- 59. It is Wollmuth's policy to charge its clients in all areas of practice the amounts incurred by Wollmuth for identifiable, non-overhead expenses incurred in connection with the client's case that would not have been incurred except for representation of that particular client. Examples of such expenses are postage, overnight mail, courier delivery, computer assisted legal

research, photocopying, outgoing facsimile transmissions, transportation and long-distance telephone.

- 60. Wollmuth represents as follows with regard to its charges for actual and necessary costs and expenses during the Case Compensation Period:
 - (a) Long-distance telephone charges are billed at actual costs;
 - (b) Photocopy charges are \$.10 per page;
 - (c) Incoming facsimiles are not billed. Outgoing facsimiles are billed at the rate of \$1.00 per page;
 - (d) Outside information services, including computer assisted legal research and PACER, are billed at actual costs;
 - (e) Car services are capped at \$100.00 per hour and only permitted for travel after 8:00 p.m. or on weekends; and
 - (f) Working meal charges are billed at actual cost but are capped at \$20 per person and are only charged for meals after 8:00 p.m. or on weekends.
- 61. Moreover, Wollmuth submits that all expenses for the Case Compensation Period are sufficiently detailed in each of the Fee Applications and in each of the Firm's Monthly Statements included therein in full compliance with the Fee Committee Rules.
- 62. In accordance with the factors enumerated in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, the amounts requested for approval herein for compensation and expense reimbursement are fair and reasonable given: (a) the complexity of these Cases; (b) the time expended; (c) the nature and extent of the services rendered; (d) the value of such services; and (e) the cost of comparable services other than in a case under the Bankruptcy Code.
- 63. Pursuant to the Certification of James N. Lawlor attached hereto as Exhibit "B", the undersigned has reviewed the requirements of the Local Rules, and certifies that this Application and the Exhibits attached hereto comply therewith.

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NOTICE

64. Notice of this Application will be served to all parties required in accordance with the procedures set forth in the second amended order entered on June 17, 2010, governing case management and administrative procedures for these Cases [Docket No. 9635] and the Compensation Order.

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CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Firm respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order (i) for final

allowance of compensation to the Firm for professional legal services rendered as special

litigation counsel for the Debtors during the Case Compensation Period in the aggregate amount

of \$2,132,385.00, (ii) for final allowance of reimbursement to the Firm for actual and necessary

expenses incurred during the Case Compensation Period in the aggregate amount of

\$105,040.99, and (iii) authorizing and directing the Debtors' estates and/or the Plan

Administrator (as defined in the Plan) to pay to the Firm the amount of the Holdback not yet

paid.

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